11. *Excise.*—It is proposed to retain next year also, the special temporary staff entertained in connection with the detection and prevention of smuggling of dutiable articles, especially of tobacco and beedi tobacco in the northern frontiers of the State. Provision has also been made for the continuance of the existing temporary staff for guarding the Arukutty, Piravom and Alwaye frontiers and for the compilation of trade statistics in the principal Customs Houses and in the office of the Excise Commissioner.

12. *Forest.*—It is proposed to depute one of the officers of the Forest Department to publish a comprehensive volume on the various hill tribes of Travancore, corresponding to the similar publications in Mysore, Cochin and some of the British Indian Provinces. Provision has also been made for the deputation of two students for training in the Forest College at Coimbatore and for the continuance of the special temporary staff for the disposal of arrears of Kudivila claims.

13. *Registration.*—On a careful scrutiny of the number of documents registered in the various Sub-Regisiry offices of the State, it was found that there is a general fall in the volume of registration work. Provision has therefore been made for the continuance of only 3 temporary additional offices next year. Of the 17 temporary additional clerks appointed to relieve congestion of work in the department, 10 were disbanded from 1st Edavam last and the remaining 7 are proposed to be disbanded from the commencement of the next year.

14. *Interest.*—The increase of Rs. ·62 of a lakh is due to the increase in Savings Bank deposits.

15. *General Administration.*—The work of the special staff in the Huzur English Records is not yet over and it is proposed to continue the staff for another year. Against the present temporary staff in the Central Vernacular Records, permanent arrangements are proposed to be made for the conduct of the work, as, in view of the valuable nature of the records, it is not considered quite safe to entrust the work to temporary employees who have no stake in service. An efficient agency for the collection and systematic compilation of statistics relating to various subjects of general and administrative importance has long been a desideratum in the State. Several committees such as the Banking Enquiry Committee and the Education Reforms Committee are reported to have experienced much difficulty in their work on account of the want of accurate and reliable statistical information. With a view to supply this want and to organise a scientific system of compilation of statistics, it is proposed to take advantage of the class which

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